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A system and method for transmitting stored user selections from a restaurant menu application on a handheld computer to a terminal at a drive-through lane or walk-up ordering area at a restaurant. Using the menu application on a handheld computer, a customer can record menu selections that he/she wishes to order during the next visit to a restaurant. These menu selections can then be saved as a file in the memory on the handheld computer. When the customer later arrives at the restaurant, he/she can select the file with the previously recorded menu selections and beam (transmit) it to a station adjacent to the drive-through lane, without having to get out of the car, or to a station at a walk-up ordering area. When received by the station, the order can then be automatically transmitted to a computer terminal or printer within the restaurant, where restaurant employees can fulfill the order.

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